Meeting Notes



# **SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)**

July 6th, 2011 Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue Room 5940

5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Chair: Signe Gilson Vice Chair: Julie Pond Secretary: Laura Feinstein

In attendance: Signe Gilson, Chair; Laura Feinstein; Carl Pierce; Julie Pond; David Ruggiero;

Wendy Walker

Absent: Dan Corum; Rita Smith; Rob Stephenson;

Staff: Vicky Beaumont; Linda Rogers

**Guests:** 

5:08 pm Call to Order

## **Administration:**

### **Chair Report:**

- June 2011 minutes approved
- June action items:
  - Small containers for commercial letter received from Ray Hoffman 20 gallon option by September; for consideration in the next rates adjustment – micro containers
  - Annual recycling letter done and delivered; will be presented to City Council July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Monthly Topics:**

### 4. Annual Recycling Report - Briefing

Vicky Beaumont updated the SWAC on the final 2010 Recycling report. Update included:

- All areas down except self haul due to economy effects
- Less appliance drop-off
- Effective programs = less waste generation
- Report consists of a lot of facts and not a lot of analysis due to lack of staff and resources; more analysis will be included in the Comp Plan
- Commercial strong paper recycle markets
- Waste Prevention phone books mailer for those not wanting to go on-line
- Mercury lighting bill\Good commercial organics diversion
- Continue to support backyard composting
  - Question was raised as to what strategies are being used in this area; response was very little
  - Concern raised of migration from back yard to curb side
  - Suggestion share bin among neighbors; one exemption allows neighbors to place appropriate things in container if it's not full
- Vicky asked if overall, were review comments helpful, was assistance useful; response was "yes"
- Other updates included:
  - SF has met goal
  - MF turnaround based on organics
  - Commercial big jump of 4%
    - Question: are sectors being rewarded in any way?

- Next report
  - Would like to see suggestions for restructure, based on new Comp Plan
  - o More analysis; can't get with current deadline
  - Possibility of asking City Council for new extended due date so can get data and analytics completed to be included
  - o Provide ability to levy fines for late data submittal; currently being levied
  - o Basic report with analysis presented later as an addendum
- Additional discussion included:
  - o Who is the intended audience; this could drive format and layout
  - City Council driven why ask for report
  - o Help citizens understand what numbers mean
  - City Council drives earlier report
  - o Why does City Council want SWAC to review?
    - Who's audience?
    - What do they want or need
  - Makes sense to refer back to Comp Plan
    - Becomes update for Comp Plan
    - Update for goals
  - o Any measure program specific? Analysis by program?
    - Part of the difficulty is determining what is a program
    - Mostly information going out, little coming back
  - o Are impact studies done?
  - Forecasting program effects able to calculate anticipated annual tonnage diverted; not post-program analysis of efficiencies
  - o 2 graphs to tie overall summary to 3 programs self-haul, SF, MF, Commercial
    - Stacked graph to tie together

### 5. Facility Tours - Discussion

David Ruggiero reviewed north, central and south potential facilities for tours, with date and time restrictions. Highlights included

- Tours will take place Thursday, July 14th
  - Allied Recycling 2:45 PM
  - Total Reclaim 11 AM or 4 PM
  - Identified those attending, and where will meet
  - Allied needs list of attendees prior to July 14<sup>th</sup>
- Potential additional tour on an August Friday for Nucor from 11-12
- At future meetings, discuss possibility of other tours during the winter months

#### 6. North Transfer Station Rebuild Update - Update

David Ruggiero updated the SWAC on current status; information included

- Stakeholders group had it final meeting; sent nice letter to Ray Hoffman. Accepted conceptual design includes
  - Separate recycle building
  - 1.5-2 times size of current facility
  - Ability to dump recycle before scales
  - Flat tip floor like Shoreline
  - o Enclosed, will reduce noise
  - Vacate street
  - Parking lot North of station slated to make a park
  - Traffic will move more quickly, not have such lengthy lines and traffic will not back up into the streets
  - There will be no community meeting room
- Next step is design-build, to be finalized in 2012; cost will be approximately \$55M, which is about \$10M over previous cost estimates
- Will develop park and green space task force

- Design intended to be flexible, able to accommodate new needs
- Action Item: determine what point in RFP process to have an update to SWAC; will contact Jeff Fowler for this

#### 7. Wrap Up

#### Recommendations

Have Jeff Fowler update the SWAC on North Station RFT as applicable

#### **Action Items**

- Comp Plan Pick Up The Pace to Zero Waste preview draft
  - o Post draft 8/1-9/30
  - Launch public involvement couple of months
  - Review draft and advise what SWAC thinks
  - SPU to redraft Plan based on input
  - No "official" public meetings
  - Will conduct a web-based survey
  - Special effort to reach traditionally underserved public
  - SWAC can be involved in community meetings
- SWAC to decide how wants to be involved
  - o Preliminary draft plan to Ecology approximately November
  - Document SWAC involvement
- When SWAC reviews, may result in significant remodel
- October meeting briefing on where we are on the Comp Plan
- August meeting cancelled

### Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting – Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Room SMT 5965

- Approve July 2011 minutes
- Tour review
- Local Hazardous Waste Management Plan interlocal management of household hazardous waste, pharmaceuticals, medicines take back
- Phone book unwanted update from Dick Lilly

6:25 PM - Meeting adjourned